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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** J. Kenneth McDonald  
**Chief, History Staff**

**FROM:** Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Helms DCI Study Drafts

I read through this and found it useful and interesting. Some segments impressed me as not being as thorough as the Bedell Smith, Dulles and McCone histories. You might think about having someone else who was deeply involved during the Helms period read it and see whether there might be more to say. Also, I would think that the Bross and the Smith pieces were quite thorough and reflected intimate involvement in the decision-making during that period. It seemed to me that the Smith material focussed most heavily on two or three intelligence judgments and there may have been others of significance during that period, i.e. Soviet missile defense, attitude toward SALT, and others that don't come to my mind now.



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